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SUBJECT : EDITORIAL ON BENEFITS TO AZORES FROM NEW  
BASE LAJES ACCORD

EDITORIAL IN HORTA, FAIAL DAILY "O TELEGRAFO" OF SEPT 5, NOTING MARIO SOARES' COMMENT DURING AZOREAN TOUR THAT ARCHIPELAGO WILL BENEFIT FROM TERMS OF ANY NEW LAJES BASE ACCORD, SUGGESTS THAT USG MIGHT BE WILLING PROVIDE MODERN EQUIPMENT (ELECTRICAL COMMUNICATIONS, SAFETY, AND FUELING FACILITIES MENTIONED SPECIFICALLY) FOR AZOREAN AIRFIELDS; BOTH "FOR THOSE ALREADY CONSTRUCTED AND FOR THOSE WHICH MAY COME TO BE CONSTRUCTED".

FURTHER SUGGESTS THAT SUCH IMPROVEMENTS WOULD INCREASE ARCHIPELAGO'S STRATEGIC VALUE TO USG.

COMMENT: AS MOST ISOLATED OF AZORES THREE AUTONOMOUS DISTRICTS, HORTA FAR MORE CONCERNED WITH IMPROVING TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES IN THE ARCHIPELAGO THAN ARE OTHER DISTRICTS. "O TELEGRAFO" EDITORIAL MIRRORS THIS SENTIMENT ACCURATELY. OTHER DISTRICTS, HOWEVER, WHILE APPRECIATE NEED FOR INCREASED AND MORE RELIABLE TRANSPORTATION IN AZORES MORE INCLINED TO EMPHASIZE SUCH PROJECTS AS GEO-THERMAL ENERGY OR FISHING INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AS FITTING AREAS FOR AMERICAN FINANCING.

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